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Steamers.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED,
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
 The Co.'s Steamship
Henry
 Captain READ, will be
 dispatched for the above
 Ports **TO-MORROW**, the 18th Instant, at
 Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
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 Hongkong, April 17, 1893. 710

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE AND
 STAMBURG.
 (Calling at NAPLES for *Leaving Passengers*
 of sufficient *disbursement* *officers*.)
 (Taking *Cargo* at *through rates* to
 ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
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
Arnhem,
 Captain *T. de Waard*, will
 be despatched from the
 above Ports on
 THURSDAY, the 20th
 Instant, at Noon.
 This Steamer has superior Accommoda-
 tion for First and Second Class Passengers
 and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 SIEMSEN & Co.,
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Hongkong, April 11, 1893.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI & AMOY.


(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
 Titan.

Captain Brown, will
sail on the above on
THURSDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 12, 1893.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 The Co.'s Steamship
Orestes,

 Capt. RAWLINGS, will
 be despatched as above
FRIDAY, the 28th Instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
 Hongkong, April 7. 1893.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Energy,
STOKES, Commander, will
depart for the above Port on or about **SATURDAY**, the
6th of May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1893.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.T. British Ship
Celtic Chief,
Owner, Master, will load here for
the above Port, and will have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, February 20, 1893. 3

Mails.

NORDEUISCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ALLEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,

NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTI PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 1st day of March 1893, at 3 p.m., the Company's S.S. **OLDFATHERS**, Captain GATZMEYER, will leave for PASADENA, LOS ANGELES, and CARGO, will leave for about noon of the 2nd inst. for about noon of the 3rd inst. at NALZES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted as follows:

Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 6 p.m. on the 30th April, 1893. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agents' Office. Receipts of Packages are required. Parcel Receipts will be signed at less than \$2; Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodations and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents,
HONGKONG, April 10, 1893.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.30 p.m.

BIRTHS.
At Shanghai, on the 10th April, Mrs. C.

At Niangua, on the 11th Instant, the wife of C. C. DE BURGH DAILY, M.B., B.Ch., of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 6th April, at the British Consulate, Chelcoo, afterwards at St. Andrew's Church, by the Rev. Mr. Greenwood, DUNDON CLARK, Imperial Maritime Customs, to ANNE ELIZABETH VICTORIA, eldest daughter of the late Edward NEWMAN, Chelcoo.

DEATH.

A. 3, Nanjing Road, Shanghai, on the
12th April, 1893, MARION MAUD, the only
and beloved daughter of John and Mary
Wilson. Aged three years and three
months.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1893.

WIRELESS TELEGRAMS

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
(Via Southern Line.)
**THE DEBATE ON THE HOME
RULE BILL.**
LONDON, April 14, 1893.
Mr John Redmond only accepts the bill

he agreed with Mr Chamberlain that federalism will be the ultimate solution if the financial proposals are disregarded. If the bill is rejected disfranchisement and

Military despotism will be the only course by which bloodshed can be averted.

SERBIA.

King Alexander has dismissed his Regents and Ministers and imprisoned them within the Palace. With the aid of the Army he has proclaimed his own majority at Belgrade and assumed kingly powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—Cape Comorin, Tellus, March 7; Hornhead, Amaranth, Strathlyon, 10; Breconshire, Orion, 24; Thisbe, 28; Ajax, Banglos, Pingsuey, Isis, Irene, April 4; Electra, Glenfalloch,

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Salatiga*, April 4; *Laertes*, *Monmouth*, *Pyrrhus*, 7; *Glenfruin*, *Humber*, *Keemun*, 11.

de Janeiro, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to 23rd March, left Yokohama for this port on Wednesday, April 12, at 2 p.m., and is now due.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Melbourne*, with the FRENCH MAIL of March 17,

left Saigon on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, April 19. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Feb. 8.

The Northern Pacific Company's s. s.

The R. M. S. S. *Empress of India* left Vancouver for Hongkong via Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. & O. s.s. *Gaelic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu and Yokohama on the 4th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamship *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Thibet* left Singapore on the 12th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The Glen Line steamship *Glenarry*, from London for this port, left Singapore

The D. D. R. s. s. *Pakling*, from Ham-
burg, left Singapore for this port on
the 14th inst., and may be expected
here on or about the 20th inst.

The s. s. *Parthen* left Singapore on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

The s. s. *Catherine Apear*, from Calcutta left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.

The N. G. L. s. s. *Bermuda* left Bombay on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the end of April.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Shanghai* left Bombay for this port on the 12th inst.

The s.s. *Pathan* left Singapore on the 15th inst., and is due here on or about the 21st inst.

left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 15th inst.

DURING the week ending 16th inst., 1893

THE Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s s.s. *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco

THE agent of M. M. Co. informs us that the steamer Melbourne, with mails &c., left

At the Magistracy to-day six men were charged with creating a disturbance and

Briquette Factory at Kowloon on Saturday, and one of the men was further charged with assaulting H. J. Gidley, the head watchman at the Factory. Mr Gidley was

hit on the face with a stone, and had to receive surgical attendance. He was unable to appear, and the case was adjourned till Thursday, 21st inst.

No. 9480—April 17, 1893.

H. M. B. Hirschman leaves to-morrow for Amoy and Manila.

Ten Italian gunboats arrived here yesterday from Bangkok.

Four cases are down for the trial at the Criminal Sessions to-morrow. One of these is that of A. F. Altes, who is charged with larceny.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s s.s. *China*, which sailed hence March 21st, and from Yokohama March 29th (via Honolulu), arrived at her destination on the 15th instant.

To-day at the Magistrate's Court Niven charged Ng Shau, master of the steam-launch *Hing Fat*, with allowing the launch to ply between Hongkong and Yau-mai without having on board a certificated master and a certificated engineer. Mr. Wodehouse imposed a fine of \$25.

The R. M. S. *Empress of China*, from Hongkong, arrived at Shanghai at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, and left again at 11 a.m. on Saturday; for Vancouver, via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama. The R. M. S. *Empress of Japan*, from Hongkong, arrived at Vancouver at noon on the 14th instant.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal Mail s.s. *Empress of India* from Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama yesterday (Sunday), one day ahead of schedule time, and left at 11 a.m. to-day for Hongkong. The R. M. S. *Empress of China* from Hongkong arrived at Nagasaki at 5 p.m. on Sunday the 16th and left at 4 p.m. yesterday (Sunday) for Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver.

A Naval and Military Rifle Meeting is being held on the Ranges at Kowloon to-day. The Meeting is under the patronage of H.E. Vice-Admiral the Hon. E. B. Fremantle, K.C.B., C.M.G., H.E. Major-General Dugly Barker, O.B., and Commander Bury-Palmer, R.N. There are twelve competitors to-day, three of which are open to all-comers. The Meeting closes on Thursday.

Mr. Chas. W. Campbell, of Her Majesty's Consular Service in China, who arrived yesterday by the *Terra*, is proceeding to Yokohama, whence he proposes crossing to Korea. Mr. Campbell's leave has not quite expired, but it is understood that he purposes utilising the balance by making another journey in Korea. His objective is the same as on the last occasion, Park tu San the Long White Mountain, but he will proceed from Seoul by a different route this time.

The s.s. *Memphis*, from Sydney, has on board the members of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son's annually conducted party to China and Japan under the management of Mr. Oscar Rowe who has been over the route before. One of the principal features of the trip was a visit to Amoy, a Dutch possession about 500 miles from Port Darwin. The steamer sailed 10 miles up the harbour, celebrated for its rare beauty, and anchored off the fortifications, staying about six hours and enabling the tourists to thoroughly explore the town. The passengers all speak in terms of the highest possible praise of the kindness received from Captain Craig and his officers. The pleasure of the trip was enhanced by the perfect weather from Townsville to this port.—Continued.

For some time the officials at the Diocesan Home and Orphanage have been missing articles, chiefly food, and suspicion fell upon Chik Hing, the head cook of the establishment. Yesterday Harry Hastings, a schoolboy belonging to the Institution, saw the 'suspect' making off with 6 lbs. of beef, 1 lb. of coffee, 1 lb. of flour, 2 lbs. of sugar, 1 bottle of eggs, and 1 tin of jam. The matter was reported to Mr. J. S. Lee, the Acting Headmaster, and Chik Hing was brought before Mr. Wodehouse to-day on a charge of theft. His excuse was that five of the pupils had not received their meal and the meat was for them. He took it into his room in case it might be lost. Mr. Wodehouse sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

F. ARCHAUD is a constable in the Naval Yard. Last night he was in Wing On Street with a few friends, who conceived the idea of relieving a hawk of some fruit without going through the customary formality of tendering any money in exchange. The hawk failed to see matters in the same light as Mr. Archard's friends, and there was a little disagreement which ended in the fight of the allied forces. A Chinese hand-woman and an Indian constable, following the illustrious precedent of Blucher at Waterloo, arrived on the scene just as the hawk was about to exclaim 'All is lost,' and unfortunately for Mr. Archard caught hold of that discreet gentleman and requested him to pause and give an explanation. Mr. Archard was not in the humor for parrying, and resented the pressing attentions of the policemen, whom he belaboured in his efforts to make good his escape. It was of no avail. He was ignominiously escorted to the Police Station, and to-day appeared at the Magistrate's before Captain Hastings to give some explanation of his conduct. No satisfactory explanation being forthcoming, Captain Hastings imposed a fine of \$10. With the forfeiture of a month's imprisonment.

The stamp revenue during the first quarter of the present year was \$11,395, against \$14,100 in the corresponding quarter of last year. The decrease in the item of transfer of shares amounted to \$3,085.

During the month of March there were 13 deaths amongst the civil section of the British and Foreign community and 1 in the army, and 401 amongst the Chinese. The death rate for the former was 22.2 and for the latter 21.6.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that on the basis of the teacher's diploma examinations the College of Preceptors in London have declared Mr. W. Maclell, Assistant Master of Victoria College, entitled to a diploma as Associate of the College and qualified for admission to membership.

The native papers report the reappearance of the loudest pest in several parts of the country, particularly in the Chinkiang prefecture, and in Anhui.

Berons leaving Peking, H.E. Hon. W. Bruce, formerly of Hongkong and Shanghai, died at Yokohama from failure of the heart's action on the 6th. He only returned five days previously in the *Oceanic* from a trip home.

Mr. John Middleton, one of the old residents of Yokohama, where he had been for twenty years, and formerly of Hongkong and Shanghai, died at Yokohama from failure of the heart's action on the 6th. He only returned five days previously in the *Oceanic* from a trip home.

A stone was discovered at the Burma Ruby Mines recently which has been valued at Rs. 17,000. This is the most valuable ruby that has come to light for some considerable time past. The stone is a fine, clear, and has the names worth 14 lakhs of rupees was evidently a more fairly tale.

We hear, says the *Bangkok Times*, that the Siam Government are favorably disposed to entertain the application recently made by a tobacco planter here for cultivating wrap leaf tobacco in Siam. With tobacco on the 'boom' as it is now, and with excellent supervision, good soil and favorable climate, we may therefore hope are long to congratulate the pioneers on the success of a venture which may yet rival that of Doi.

Another big fire occurred at Shanghai on the night of the 12th inst. It broke out in a lottery shop in Honan Road between Tsoochow and Siping Roads, and the flames ran along against the wind so rapidly that in a short time twelve houses were burning. Nearly everything in the houses was burnt. There appears to have been a good deal of fireworks stored in the houses, which caused the fire to burn with great force. The houses and most of the contents were insured, and the damage done is estimated at something like £50,000, which will take some time to replace. Some large houses were entirely destroyed, and two partially. The origin of the outbreak is not yet known, for the owner of the lottery shop disappeared as soon as he found his place on fire.

A telegram received at this port yesterday says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 12th inst. from Fuchow states that H. K. Pott, a British Provincial Treasurer of Fuchow, who had been ill in health for some time past, died yesterday morning. His Excellency's son P'an Tsai-tai, Manager of Kiangnan Arsenal, will probably have to retire from his post, and an agent to Fuchow to act as chief mourner, if permission can be obtained from Nanking. The deceased official has a brother, P'an Tsai-tai, who is at present Acting of the T'ing-tai Intendency in Chihli, and is a much-trusted official. Li Hsing-chang, having been for some time previous to taking up the above-named post, Head Director of the Tientsin Arsenal.

A NATIVE paper publishes some rather contradictory news about the forthcoming 'Great' Nanking, says the *N.Y. Daily News*. Whilst describing the prospects of the quality in favourable terms, it says that the output will be reduced, yet at the same time prices will be low. Other things being equal, it might be presumed that a reduced supply might mean enhanced prices, but evidently the laws of supply and demand undergo modification in China. It is also asserted that 'the merchants have all agreed not to enter into the extensive buying' an agreement which we hope will last long. The general current of information, however, points to a fairly active season.

Pairs fighting in Sydney, says the *Northern Territory Times*, is on its last legs, even if it is not already tumbled off them. The deaths of two fighters and the consequent arrest of a number of boxing hall celebrities, have been added to a by a series of which are disagreeable enough to force the game entirely out of legal existence. While a fight was in progress between Griffin and Marshall for the featherweight championship, in the presence of 4000 persons, a mob of riotous ruffians broke through the iron side fence and getting under the building knocked up the floor and so effected an entrance. Then, later on, a mob of 500 rushed the stage, and a scene of indescribable disorder and confusion followed, continuing right up to the end of the contest. The riotous literally walked over the heads of the front seat occupants, regardless of restraint, moral or physical, and took charge of the place, knocking, yelling, screaming, and otherwise behaving wildly. 2,000 chairs were smashed to atoms, and the hall presented a sorrowful aspect when everybody had cleared. Pugilism has seemed into blackguardism, and it is odds now that Parliament takes steps to crush it.

TO OVERSEAS WORKERS.—Sulphaline Lotion quickly drives away Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Redness, Swollen, Acne, Discoloration, Roughness and Scurf, leaving a clear, smooth skin and beautiful complexion. Sulphaline is a necessity for the skin, especially in hot climates. Made in London. Sold everywhere in Belling Bottles.

TO OVERSEAS WORKERS.—Pepper's Ointment and Iron Tonic gives New Life, Appetite, Health, Strength, Energy, Cures Nerve, Indigestion, Nervous Debility. Specially useful in hot, damp climates, and malarious districts. Every one should keep up strength by taking Pepper's Ointment, the well-known English Tonic. Beware of a month's imprisonment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE RECREATION GROUND RAILS.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, April 17.

Sir,—For many years past, lounging on the shore rails watching both the games of the Cricket Club members and the military, has been a source of innocent amusement to hundreds, but recently an offensive order has been put in force both by the military and the Police forbidding resting on the rails. I observed the other day a worthy on duty use his cane to a Chinaman of the better class, who certainly felt the indignity—so much so that I remonstrated with the soldier, who told me 'he had his orders.' Many well-known old residents have been ordered off the rails recently while watching cricket and tennis. May I ask is not this an excess of zeal, as well as an illegal act? General Barker is far too courteous a gentleman to deprive hundreds of an innocent pleasure without rhyme or reason. I am sure that these lines will bring the matter to the attention of H.E. the Governor, or that the objectionable order may be withdrawn by the civil and military authorities.—Yours,

ONLOOKER.

HONGKONG POLO CLUB SKY MEETING.

The following are the results held over on Saturday from our report of the Sky Race meeting:

7.—UMURA CORN.—Presented by the Officers of the Royal Artillery, 1 mile. For all China. Previous winners at this Meeting 10 lbs. extra. 8 road to receive \$10. Third to save stake. Entrance, \$3.

Mr Taylor's Khedive, 11.0. (Mr Taylor) 1
53rd Regiment's Blight, 11.12. (Mr Taylor) 2
The winner led from start to finish, although Mr Smyth overhauled about half way to get his pony on level terms.

8.—LADIES' NOMINATION RACE.—1st Prize presented by Mrs V. A. Gussie-Hawkins, 2nd Prize presented by the Polo Club. For all China. Previous winners at this Meeting 10 lbs. extra. 8 road to receive \$10. Third to save stake. Entrance, \$3.

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CONSUL GARDNER'S DEPARTURE FROM HANKOW.

The Hankow correspondent of the N.Y. Daily News writes, under date April 8:—

As soon as it became known that Mr C. T. Gardner, C.M.G., was about to leave this port for Amoy on community departure that steps should be taken to show the great esteem in which he is held here by all classes. The necessary committee was immediately appointed, and a subscription list sent round. No one was allowed to give more than 10s., and the total in a few days, from our limited number of residents, was 250. This was contributed by 56 gentlemen. It was resolved to present him with a piece of plate and with an address on the eve of his departure, which presentation was made in the Council Room at the Municipal Buildings at 6.30 p.m. to-night.

There were upwards of forty of the subscribers present, and the proceedings were of the most hearty character. The new Consul, Mr. D. D. D., was requested to take the chair, and spoke as follows:—Gentlemen, the object of this meeting, as you are aware, is to present Mr Gardner with an address on his departure from Hankow. The address has been drawn up by the Committee appointed for that purpose, and has been conferred on me. This may be ascribed, I suppose, to the fact that I am the oldest British resident in the place, and one of the very oldest of Mr Gardner's friends. It would be very difficult to make a public officer, and I am sure that you are all aware of this fact. I do not think that we need fully appreciate even now the greatness of the danger to which we were exposed during the crisis. The riots of 1891 have passed into history, but it will be a long time before some of us forget the deep interest shown by Mr Gardner in the welfare of the foreign residents in this place, and his earnest efforts on their behalf. It is my firm conviction that matters would have been different if it were not for his presence. To saddle a pony on the course at the winning post, and ride round a post about 250 yds. distant, return, dismount, and receive a cigar and a box of matches from a Lady, light the cigars, mount, ride over the same course again, and saddle a pony on the course with a cigar and a box of matches, is a task which I should not have undertaken if it were not for the great sympathy and kindness shown by Mr Gardner in the peculiarly trying circumstances in which they were placed at the time, both here and elsewhere. Mr Gardner has proved himself to be the friend of all, and we are all glad to see the end of this obligation. Then addressing Mr Gardner he said: 'Dear Mr Gardner, in the name of the Committee, and on behalf of my many friends in this community, I present you with this address, and big that you will accept it as a token of our esteem and affection.'

The address, which was printed on satin and handsomely mounted in a silver frame, read:—

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H.B.M.'s Consul, Hankow.

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KIUKIANG NOTES.

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The ten season is again in order. This is always a very busy time in Kiukiang. From the countryside for miles around women troop in to assist in the picking of the leaf. The streets are filled with them as they troop off

